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REGION 5  
230 SOUTH DEARBORN ST.  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60604

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**CERTIFIED MAIL**  
**RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

REPLY TO ATTENTION OF:

5HS-12

RE: General Die Casting Co. Site  
General Notice of Potential Liability

Dear Sir or Madam:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has documented the release or threatened release of hazardous substances, pollutants and contaminants at the above referenced Site, and is planning to spend public funds to control and investigate these releases. This action will be taken by U.S. EPA pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, 42 U.S.C. 9601 et seq., (CERCLA) as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986, Pub. L. No. 99-499, stat. 1613 (1986) (SARA), unless U.S. EPA determines that such action will be done properly by a responsible party. Responsible parties under CERCLA include the current and former owners and operators, and persons who generated the hazardous substances or were involved in transport, treatment, or disposal of them at the Site. Under Section 107(a) of CERCLA, where the Agency uses public funds to achieve the cleanup of the hazardous substances, responsible parties are liable for all costs associated with the removal or remedial action and all other necessary costs incurred in cleaning up the Site, including investigation, planning and enforcement.

The U.S. EPA is currently planning to conduct the following actions at the above referenced Site.

1. Develop and implement a site plan and provide site security.
2. Contract with an environmental consultant to provide necessary guidance with the removal and disposal of the wastes.
3. Prepare a work plan necessary to provide disposal of the wastes.

U.S. EPA has received information that your company may have treated, generated or transported hazardous substances that were disposed or remain at the Site. By this letter, U.S. EPA notifies you of your potential liability with regard to this matter and encourages you, as a potentially responsible party, to reimburse U.S. EPA for costs incurred to date and to voluntarily perform or finance the response activities that U.S. EPA has determined or will determine are required at the Site.

As a potentially responsible party, you should notify U.S. EPA in writing within three (3) days of receipt of this letter of your willingness to perform or finance the activities described above. If U.S. EPA does not receive a timely response, U.S. EPA will assume that your organization does not wish to negotiate a resolution of its potential responsibility in connection with the Site and that your organization has declined any involvement in performing the response activities.

Your letter should indicate the appropriate name, address, and telephone number for further contact with you. If you are already involved in discussions with state or local authorities, engaged in voluntary cleanup action or involved in a lawsuit regarding this Site, you should continue such activities as you see fit. This letter is not intended to advise you or direct you to restrict or discontinue any such activities; however, you are advised to report the status of those discussions or actions in your response to this letter and to provide a copy of your response to any other parties involved in those discussions or actions.

In addition, U.S. EPA is seeking to obtain certain other information from you pursuant to its authority under Section 104 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. Section 9604, and Section 3007 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), as amended, 42 U.S.C. Section 9604, for the purpose of enforcing CERCLA and RCRA and to assist in determining the need for response to a release of hazardous substance(s) under CERCLA. The Administrator of the U.S. EPA has the authority to require any person who generates, stores, treats, transports, disposes, arranges for the disposal of, or otherwise handles hazardous wastes and hazardous substances, as those terms are defined in Section 1004(5) of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. Section 6903(5) and Section 101(14) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. Section 9601(14), to furnish the U.S. EPA with information related to such activities. Pursuant to these statutory provisions, you are hereby requested to submit the following information concerning the General Die Casting Co. Site at 13700 Mt. Elliot in Detroit, Michigan.

1. Copies of all shipping documents or other business documents relating to the transportation, storage and/or disposal of waste materials or substances at the above referenced Site.
2. A detailed description of the generic common and/or trade name and the chemical composition and character (i.e. liquid, solid, sludge) of the waste material offered by you and/or transported by you to or from the above referenced Site.
3. For each hazardous substance above, please give the total volume, in gallons for liquids and in cubic meters for solids, for which you arranged for disposal and list when those substances were transported to or from the above referenced Site.
4. What arrangements were made to transport the hazardous substances which were generated at or shipped from above referenced Site? What type of transportation was used (i.e. tankers, dump trucks, drums)?
5. Copies of all records, including analytical results, and material safety data sheets, which indicate the identity, amounts and chemical composition and/or chemical character of the waste material(s) generated at, transported to, stored or disposed of at the above referenced Site or offered for transportation to or from storage or disposal at the Site.
6. A list description of all liability insurance coverage that is and was carried by you including any self insurance provisions, that relates to hazardous substances and/or the above referenced Site and copies of all of these insurance policies.
7. For each hazardous substance please give the location at which it was generated or treated and of disposed on the Site. Please include a map of the Site with treatment/disposal locations on it.

To assist you in answering this request, the information sought pertains to any and all information in your possession, custody or control relating to the operation of the above referenced Site and to the transportation, storage, and/or disposal of hazardous substances or the generation of hazardous substances which were ultimately disposed of or offered for disposal at the Site. The relevant time period for this request is 1956 to 1990.

For purposes of this information request, "shipping documents" shall mean all contracts, agreements, purchase orders, requisitions, pick-up or delivery tickets, customs forms, freight bills, shipping memoranda, order forms, weight tickets, work orders, bills and any other similar documents that evidence discrete transactions involving shipment, or the arrangement for shipment, of waste materials to, through, or from, the above referenced Site. "Waste materials" shall mean hazardous substances, solid wastes and hazardous wastes, and other materials which may or may not contain pollutants or contaminants, and shall include reclaimed and off-specification material of any kind.

This request is directed to your company, its officers, directors, and employees, and its subsidiaries, divisions, facilities and their officers, directors, and employees. The information sought herein must be sent to U.S. EPA within thirty (30) calendar days of your receipt of this letter. Failure to comply with this request may result in a civil or criminal enforcement action against you by U.S. EPA under Section 3008 of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. Section 6928 and Section 104 of CERCLA, as amended. The information requested herein must be provided notwithstanding its possible characterization as confidential information or trade secrets. You may request however, that any such information be handled as confidential business information. A request for confidential treatment must be made when the information is provided, since any information not so identified will not be accorded this protection by the U.S. EPA. Information claimed as confidential will be handled in accordance with the provisions of 40 C.F.R. Part 2.

The written statements submitted pursuant to this request must be notarized and submitted under an authorized signature certifying that all information contained therein is true and accurate to the best of the signatory's knowledge and belief. Moreover, any documents submitted to U.S. EPA pursuant to this information request should be certified as true and authentic to the best of the signatory's knowledge and belief. Should the signatory find, at any time after the submittal of the requested information, that any portion of the submitted information is false, the signatory should so notify U.S. EPA. If any answer certified as true should be found to be untrue, the signatory can and may be prosecuted pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1001.

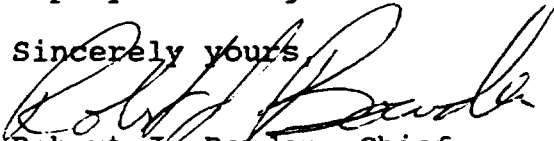
Your responses to both the notice of potential liability three (3) days and the information requests thirty (30) days, should be sent to:

Linda Beasley  
U.S. EPA - Region V  
Emergency Support Section 5HS-12  
230 South Dearborn Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60604-1586

If you need further information regarding this letter, you may contact Linda Beasley, Emergency Support Section, at (312) 353-2071. Direct any legal question to Nick Bollo, of the Office of Regional Counsel, at (312) 886-6828.

Due to the nature of the problem at this site and the attendant legal ramifications, U.S. EPA strongly encourages you to submit written responses within the time frames specified herein. We hope you will give this matter your immediate attention.

Sincerely yours,



Robert J. Bowden, Chief  
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Norada Mines is a holding company located in Canada. Original owner of Wolverine Plating and Die Casting Co. This company divided the facility into Wolverine Die Casting Corp. and General Die Casting.

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